To: All Minority Providers and Youth/Family-Serving Organizations in Communities of Color

You are cordially invited to a briefing and discussion about

The Future of Public Children's Mental Health Care in Massachusetts

including opportunities to become a provider of new MassHealth services

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is in the midst of a major transformation of its children's mental health system, sparked in part by the Rosie D. Medicaid lawsuit, and fueled by Governor Patrick's commitment to the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative(CBHI), whose goal is to develop an integrated system of care for children with serious emotional disturbance or behavioral health needs. As youth/family- serving organizations, your involvement and leadership is essential to the success of this initiative. This meeting is part of a series of provider and family meetings being held across the Commonwealth.

Wednesday, October 1st, 2008, 12:30pm-2:00pm
Ashburton Café Conference, in the lower level of
the McCormack Building
I Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

Please rsvp to cbhi@state.ma.us. Attendance at this meeting is limited only by the space available.

<u>Agenda</u>

- Overview of the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative and the Rosie D. lawsuit
- New MassHealth behavioral health services under development
- Process for becoming a provider of one or more of these new services
- Discussion of community needs
- Concerns, questions, and input

EOHHS welcomes input from all stakeholders and interested parties on the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative. Individuals and organizations unable to attend this meeting are encouraged to e-mail questions or comments to: cbhi@state.ma.us

For updates and announcements relating to CBHI, please visit: mass.gov/masshealth/childbehavioralhealth

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